Journa

Newsline Arlington fire station falling apart

afety class offered

LBANY — A home safety class will be offered by safety may be jeopardized substituted to 25 Albany residents.

ooks for sale

ENSINGTON — The annual spring book sale, sered by the Friends of the Kensington Library, he held Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and ey, May 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Kensing-Community Center, above the Kensington Library, this on Ave.

Library Ave.

asketball demo

LCERRITO — This Saturday is the day several raiders will show their basketball skills in the old Middle School gym as they play faculty when from El Cerrito High School. It is an important fundraiser for the high was spring sports program. Tickets for \$8 may pechased in advance at ECHS; if tickets are available door, they will cost \$10. Raiders' jacket, helmet and other items will be bed off; the Raiders will be available at half-time sim autographs. The game begins at 1 p.m. on 12.

ajor musical

nbers performing. Student musicians as well as are also pouring all their energy into production.

ink budget

CERRITO — City Council members at Monday's uneeting will be getting their first official look at budget reports submitted for preliminary discus-

ty've been told the same thing you have,'' said

to help us?"

to said all the city departments have been workdu find areas where they can cut or consolidate;
to been examining what might be done about
presonnel positions and what jobs might be con-

Sis will be the first feedback we get from the she said, noting that "it's all preliminary," with ad to decide on next year's budget still some time added, however, that the public is welcome to mathis preliminary reporting and discussion time.

ditions scheduled

CERRITO — Contra Costa Civic Theatre is holddeficions for the musical, Good News on Monday
leaday, May 4 and 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the theater,
towns Ave. (at Moeser Lane), El Cerrito.
thow, directed by Kathleen Ray, features a colage cast, with a few adult teachers. Roles are for
ad women (all races), ages 13 to 30.
things will be from the script. Bring sheet music in
thom key; an accompanist will be provided. Also
tomfortable clothes for learning a short dance rou-

eschool picture time

CERRITO — Picture Book Time for preschoolers of will be offered twice weekly by the El Cerrito Moning sessions will be held Tuesdays at 11 as May 12 to June 23; an afternoon session will Thursdays at 11:5 p.m. from May 21 to June 25. The Time for children age 2 only will be held on the 10:15 a.m. from May 12 to June 23.

Branch of the Contra Costa County Library 5 to 6510 Stockton Ave.

Fire fighters concerned

By Dawn Frasleur

EL CERRITO — The Arlington Fire Station is both an integral part of the El Cerrito hills community and a strategically situated public safety point. Its presence is appreciated and needed. But the station is also badly in need of repair, and has been for years.

Supporters of the proposed Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment give the station high priority on the list of projects to be paid for if the assessment district is approved next month by the city council.

Captain Jim Dworak has been with the El Cerrito Fire Department for 18 years, and much of his service has been centered at the Arlington Station. He says it's something special.

Residents in the area go out of their way to show the firefighters they're appreciated, even dropping snacks by from time to time.

"Up here it's like it was 20 years ago," said Dworak. "The firemen really appreciate the way the city and the citizens treat them. People go out of their way to be nice and caring to the men. The men really



Arlington Fire Station and staff are appreciated by the community

appreciate that."

In the old days, Dworak explained, the fire service played a larger part in community life that it now does. He remembers when firefighters used to keep keys for older citizens so that they could check on them from time to time. "We even used to go shopping for groceries for people who just couldn't get

out of their homes," he said.
"The social function of the fire department and the police department has been taken over by the senior center," Dworak said, adding that the department was supportive of that change.



Taking the oath of office are School Boardmembers Peggy Thomsen and Alan Riffer, Councilmembers Thelma Rubin and Robert Good, Treasurer Kim Denton and Councilmember Mike

City greets new officials

Mayor-elect ready to go

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Councilmember Bill Cain was unanimously elected 1992-93 mayor of the city last week following the swearing in of newly elected Councilmembers Mike Brodsky and Robert Good.

Councilmember Elizabeth Baker was chosen vice

Councilmember Elizabeth Baker was chosen vice mayor.

Cain, who has served on the council for two years, said he looks forward to the coming year as "an exciting chance to get things done."

"We will try to reach an agreement with Caltrans on the I-80 reconstruction," he said. "There are a number of things we want to get them to do for Albany, not just everybody else.

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Wallsproposed

ALBANY — A Caltrans proposal to build walls ranging from 12 to 15 feet high along part of Pierce Street will be reviewed at a public meeting May 5 at 7 p.m. in the City Hall council chambers. The sound wall will decrease traffic noise expected to result from reconstruction of Interstate 80/580 and the Buchanan Street interchange slated to begin in the near future, according to Caltrans. A model of the proposed project, photographic displays of various kinds of walls and related materials are currently on exhibit in the City Hall lobby.

At the meeting Caltrans and city staff will detail the project, the precise location of the proposed walls and answer questions. posed by property owners in the neighborhood.

Bates says shore park closer

ALBANY — Assemblyman Tom Bates addressed the Citizens for the Albany Shoreline meeting last week, augmenting the group's triumphant mood over CAS' cochairman Mike Brodsky's recent election to the Albany City Council.

cil.

Bates discussed the introduction of a bill which will allow further work on the long-anticipated East Bay Shoreline State Park. After

the Bay Bridge to Richmond was passed unanimously by the Senate Natural Resources Committee Tuesday.

The bill must be approved by the Senate and Assembly before

The bill must be approved by the Senate and Assembly before East Bay Regional Parks District is given permission to attempt the purchase of privately owned sections in a 17-mile stretch of land running through Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany.

Bates underscored the need for some action on the proposed park. He stated his fear that money earmarked for the new park but not yet used may be in danger during

the state's current fiscal crisis. The time to spend these funds is now, he said.

Bates said that there is \$2.5 million set aside by the state for Albany, as well as \$15 million in AA Bonds and \$25 million in state bonds. He cautioned, however, that some of the money was approved by voters for a 10-year time period only, and that time has expired. Through special action Bates has been able to save those funds, but he wondered how long that money

Brothers serve the city

Public safety careers run in this family

By Dawn Frasleur

EL CERRITO — The Maples family has a long commitment to public service that continues to benefit the citizens of El

Cerrito.

Al and Gladys Worth moved to El Cerrito even before there was a high school here and built some of the first houses in town. Now their two great-grandsons, Lance and Sean Maples, are helping to protect both homes and residents in the

city. Sean Maples, 26, has been a sworn officer in the El Cerrito Police Department for over five years. His brother Lance, 23, joined the El Cerrito Fire Department in April 1991.

Though their father, Lt. Doug Maples, has selved the City of Richmond in the

Richmond PD for 26 years (now in Investigations), neither of the men new as young children that they'd be following in his footsteps to provide community public safety. Those decisions came a little later.

Not too much later for Lance, though. "Tve known since high school that I wanted to join the fire service," he said. "I guess being around my brother and father I got an insight into (public service) at an early age.

early age.

"In my senior year, we'd go to these meetings and they'd ask you what you want to be. I was the only one who knew."

Lance received his Emergency Medical Technician and fire training and education through Los Medanos and Solano College.



See MAPLES, page 8 Lance and Sean Maples

Albany is still our town, isnt' it?

AFTER A MONTH or so on Pause waiting for the election results, Albany officialdom pushed the Play button last week and the longrunning Monday night game at City Hall rolled on in living color. But before we settle down again, how about a little Thursday morning quarterbacking? I'm game.

MONEY, THE MOTHER'S milk of politics, didn't appear to buy the candidates love or votes. Brodsky, the biggest vote-getter, spent \$5,376 received \$3,135 and reported no contributors over \$100 except himself (\$800). Rubin spent \$845, received \$1,660 with three contributors over \$100. Good, the third winner, and Lewis, received or spent less than \$1,000 so were not required to report. Sanchez received \$2,662, including \$350 from her store, Wild Wools, and spent \$2,240. The final tally is due July 30.

Turns out the litmus test wasn't money but are you endorsed by the Sierra Club? Did you support Measure C, the 1990 waterfront initiative? MONEY, THE MOTHER'S milk of politics.

"INSIDERS," ALSO KNOWN as the 200 or so people who know where City Hall is, say the election was an upset. Rubin and Lewis were the predicted winners. After all, Bill Lewis wasn't known as "Mr.

winners. After all, Bill Lewis wasn't known as "Mr. Albany" for nothing. But nowadays incumbency isn't the guarantee it used to be.

The third seat, vacated by Nichols who had served two terms, would be captured by Brodsky who campaigned with old-style vigor. The only question was if enough of the 3,300 votes gleaned by Measure C were still out there.

"I am the only candidate who worked for Measure C. I stand for what they voted for," Brodsky said during the campaign. "I hope I get the message across and they go to the polls April 14," He did and 2,127 of them did. Needless to say, he was endorsed by the Sierra Club.

ROBERT GOOD, THE DARK HORSE right up to 10 p.m. on election night, went along with the current negative trend and won with a crooks-at-city-hall campaign. Good beat the dead horse called "parking meters" and proved that, after soundly trashing them two years ago, voters still froth at the mouth at the very mention of the little tin deatile.

And, according to El Cerrito City Councilman and Sierra Club bigwig Norman La Force, Good "gave the right answers" at the club's candidate inquisition and so received the coveted endorsement.

RUBIN, A LONGTIME member of the Sierra

A funny thing happened to the observance of Earth Day in El Cerrito last Saturday. It took a hard left and wound up as something else entirely.

Instead of being about preserving the earth and its resources as originally intended, the theme bifurcated and somehow became "combating racism and religious intolerance."

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Just how did these bemused El Cerritans get from here to there? Apparently planting trees and talking about reducing toxic wastes going into San Francisco Bay — as they did in sane little Albany — was far too tame for the advanced social engineers mastermind-ing this circus.

Letters

Odd Earth Day?

Editor



By Phyllis Lyon

Club, successfully overcame incumbency by fending off assaults on her politically incorrect stand against Measure C and got the required endorsement. She has also, she said, eliminated the words "parking meters" from her vocabulary.

RUNNERS-UP LEWIS AND SANCHEZ

RUNNERS-UP LEWIS AND SANCHEZ
however, were not tapped from above.
When summoned to be tested, Lewis declined to
appear, questioning the propriety of being grilled by a
council member from a neighboring city.
Although Sanchez answered such questions as
"Do you support greater density of mixed use at
transit nodes such as at the El Cerrito BART
station...?" orally and in writing, she might as well
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Over two years ago Deirdre went to a "Town Hall Meeting" called mainly by Assemblyman Bates to talk about the Albany waterfront. Discovering that it was in fact a rigged, die-you-dawg-Santa Fe gathering, she voiced opinions that were out of party line and sealed her fate.

In 1992 El Cerrito Councilmember Norman La Force reminded his constituents in Albany that Deirdre "'actively disrupted" the meeting and, "like George Bush," may not claim to be an environmentalist. He declared who "real environmental candidates" were.

TWO YEARS AGO THIS SPACE got into hot water for seeming to disagree with the Citizens for the Albany Shoreline. Now that citizens committees, no doubt inspired by CAS' success, are proliferating like rabbits, I'll say it again.

If the citizens committees' goal is the greening of Albany in a continuing small town ambience, fine and dandy. But the method of achieving the goal, i.e., blitzing the rest of with sanctimonious jargon and mud slinging, reeks of self-interest and personal power-seeking....

HOLD THE PHONE. What am I worried about? ur town now has three "real environmental" city Our town now has three council members.

On behalf of the Committee to re-elect William "Bill" Lewis, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those supporters who donated their time and effort these past several months.

We felt confident that Bill was assured reelection, primarily based on the positive feedback we received during the campaign. It is quite possible that had we encountered some negative reactions to Bill's past performance on the City Council, we would have been somewhat better prepared to accept the appalling support he received at the polls.

It is quite demoralizing to realize that one can now win an elected office in Albany with less than one-third of the electorate voting. Where were all the voters on April 14? Where were all those people who said, "We want Bill Lewis back on the Council. He's done a good job?" They didn't go to the polls.

In closing, I again thank those of you who supported Bill and voted. And, to those of you who failed to vote, for whatever reason, I hope that next election you support your candidate at the polls and not just with "lip service."

The current proposal for a new Fire Assessment Dis-

Don't forget to vote



Police Reports

Rodents responsible for Lumber Baron false alam

By Dawn Frasleur

ALBANY — Mice running across an office desk have been the guilty parties in setting off an alarm at the Lumber Baron. The identity of the culprits was discovered on April 19.

• A woman reported that she was approached at the AM/PM Mini Mart by a woman appearing to be an East Indian. The second woman appeared to have been attempting to engage the victim in a Jamaican Switch-type scam. Police were unable to locate the suspect.

A Berkeley man reported that someone had drilled open his safe deposit box at World Savings and had removed a diamond ring

and had removed a diamond ring and wills.

Safeway was robbed on the evening of April 29. The suspect entered the premises, then demanded that cash drawers be opened; he removed some currency and fled in a westbound direction. Three suspects were described as black male adults in their 20s, wearing black-hooded Raiders jackets; one was desribed as being taller than the other two.

A San Ramon man said he was the victim of an armed robbery at Safeway and reported a monetary loss. The main suspect was reported to be a black male adult, wearing a black Raider jacket and jeans. A second suspect — who appeared to be a lookout — was described as a black male adult, aged 17 to 19, wearing a black vest with orange striping. The incident occurred on April 16.

An Oakland juvenile was arrested after activating a stun gun two victims on the Albany

Jack Rosano

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The incident occurred on April 16.

• An Oakland juvenile was arrested after activating a stun gun on two victims on the Albany High School campus. The juvenile fled on foot and was arrested on campus. The incident occurred on the afternoon of April 21.

• A male resident of Albany reported that he had been the victim of an armed robbery in front of 555 Pierce St. Two black males in a dark-colored Toyota pickup pulled a rifle and a handgun on him, he said. They then removed cash and a backpack from him.

On hearing the broadcast of the crime from Albany, the El Cerrito PD made contact with Albany officers, advising them that the Richmond PD had taken a robbery report 10 to 15 minutes earlier and had been given similar descriptions of the suspect and his vehi-

cle.

Later, the Pittsburg PD engaged in a pursuit with the same suspect and a second man. The car crashed in Richmond; the suspects fled. Two weapons and property reported stolen in the Albany crime were recovered from the vehicle.

The two suspects were described as black male adults. For one suspect, the only additional description was that he was wearing a cap. The other suspect was described as 20 to 23 years of age, 140 to 150 pounds, wearing a dark baseball cap and a black Raiderstype jacket. He also had a light mustache and was "unshaven."

After an Albany officer heard an alarm sound at an El Cerrito jewelry store, he saw a suspect run then hide in a weedy area. The man was taken into custody by Albany and El Cerrito officers.

run then hide in a weedy area. The man was taken into custody by Albany and El Cerrito officers when he came out carrying two guns — which he dropped. Two other suspect the officer had seen flee the area were also arrested. All three are residents of San Pablo and are suspected of two commercial thefts.

Albany High, School

blo and are suspected of two commercial thefts.

• Albany High. School received a false bomb threat on the morning of April 24.

• Three male juveniles were arrested after a 7-Eleven employee reported that he might have seen a gun in one of the juvenile's pockets. When approached by the responding officer, the boy with the gun fled; it turned out to be a 357 magnum four-inch revolver. All three juveniles were released to their parents with a Notice to Appear in court. Two of the boys were Berkeley residents; the other lives in Richmond.

• A man was seen walking down the 1000 block of Curtis Street exposing himself on the evening of April 25.

• An Albany resident reported that unused cement had been dumped in the storm drain at Evelyn and Solano. The report was made on the afternoon of April 23.

• A San Pablo man was arrested at the Albany Bowl at 1:35 a.m. on April 19, after he had an argument with his girlfriend and smashed her car window with a beer bottle. The woman also reported that her knee had been cut.

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• An Albany woman reported that the security guard in a build-ing in the 500 block of Pierce called her to ask whether two juv-enile girls had permission to drive

her car, since he had seen he so. The woman called 91 officer observed the warvelling southbound on 18 stopped it at the Universificant. The two girls were into custody at 2:09 a.m. on 21

Another car was reported the same day in the 600 b Cleveland.

● Residential burglarias reported in the 900 block of Avenue (rim and tire takes bikes in the garage), the 70% of Talbot (numerous items from the home after a a prowl), the 1000 block of Avenue (a kickstand takens bike in the garage), and the block of Evelyn (various items ported stolen from a resin front porch.

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block of Curtis Street (I dents), and the 1500 I Francis Street.

Other recent auto burg curred in the 1100 I Masonic Avenue, the 500 Pierce, the 800 block of Avenue and the 600 block

 Bikes were reported in front of Dave and from the bike rack lie library. In addition, old boy reported that approached by two juveniles while bikin said that one of the ol he had a pellet gun him for his bike befo boy he was only joking teenagers left; the boy i bike

• Acts of vandalism ported in the 1100 block Avenue (broken vehicle at Albany Middle School vehicle in parking lot; bright), in the 900 block of (BB shot through the with the Safeway parking k lock pulled out), in the 60 Kains (brick through window),

The Journal

It is quite demoranizing to reaming this circus.

No, something called The El Cerrito Environmental Education Coalition which sponsored the event, had a whole different agenda in mind. And with people like Congressman George Miller and Assemblyman Tom Bates high on the list of invited luminaries, it was clear from what direction the political winds were blowing.

When I stopped by the El Cerrito Community Center before noon these winds had not as yet come up. I inquired of Judy Baker, who was greeting visitors, if there was to be any planting of trees or other activities one might naturally expect on Earth Day.

She told me El Cerrito did a good deal of tree planting throughout the year and that, "This year Earth Day is two different things."

Well, you can't put it much plainer than that.

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Water meter cover again employed in break-in

By Dawn Frasieur

EL CERRITO — Two male suspects were seen entering Grand Auto Supply at 2:29 a.m. on April 12 after smashing their way through a window with a cement water meter cover. The loss from the store was unknown.

• A San Pablo Avenue restaurant (10200 block) was burglarized during the night of April 18. Property was stolen and the cash register broken. Two San Pablo residents were arrested in connection with the crime. One of the two men is also suspected of a second commercial burglary on San Pablo Avenue in which three handguns were stolen. The weapons were recovered.

• A woman reported that while she was walking on the sidewalk in the 5800 block of Cutting Boulevard, she was approached from the rear by two male suspects, aged 18 to 20, on bikes. The woman reported that the men knocked her down and grabbed two handbags before fleeing.

• A Richmond man was arrested for faisifying a bingo card at the St. John's School bingo game on the evening of April 17. The man had reportedly pasted false numbers onto the card.

• A Richmond man was arrested when an officer saw him open a 1982 Alfa Romeo with a paper bag, get in the car for a minute, then exit. The charge was "vehicle tampering;" the incident A woman reported that while

took place in the El Cemparking lot.

• Two juveniles were for possession of stoles when they were found restolen Toyota Celica Street and Lexington As 11:40 p.m. on April 15.

• Someone reported ged a firearm in the 5800 El Dorado Street on April 130 p.m. The bullet by the street of the street of the street on April 130 p.m. The bullet by the street on April 130 p.m. The sounds landed in front of a porch.

Vandals were also so ble for doing \$500 word mage to a convertible making a two-by-six inch

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Exhibit opening

The 1992 annual EI Cerrito Art Show sponsored by the EI Certho Art Association and the City of EI Cerrito will open Friday,
high 1, at 7 p.m. at the EI Cerrito Community Center, 7007
heser Lane. There will be a no-host champagne social and a
shot awards ceremony. Art will be displayed also on Saturday,
high 2, from noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, from noon to 4
am. Categories of art are oils and acrylics, watercolors, collage,
sulpture, photography, the EI Cerrito theme, and Asian Style
Art Some of the art work will be for sale.

Featuring Kikit, Maxwear, Bugatchi, Eileen Fisher, Regina Porter, Tina Hagen and more! line in His

Bus riders bracing for service cuts

By Carolyn Younge

Come September some area bus riders may find they can hardly get there from here. Monday AC Transit directors

Monday AC Transit directors tentatively agreed to cut service on 11 lines. Routes that were originally targeted for elimination but will be saved, at least for now, include: 7 (Berkeley-Kensington); 8 (BART-Berkeley-Grizzly Peak).

Those facing cuts pending further study include: F-FX-FS (Berkeley-San Francisco); G and Z (San Francisco-Albany); H (Kensington-San Francisco); U (UC Berkeley); and 70-BART/del Norte-Pinole

te-Finole.

Among the routes that may be reduced or eliminated are transbay lines V-V1 (Oakland-San Francisco), E (Claremont Express), 9 (Berkeley-Gilman Street), 17 (Emery Bay-Rockridge BART). Fourteen BART feeder lines were spared.

The lines under discussion represent 23 percent of the bus district's service, but the combined patronage on those routes only amounts to about 10 percent of AC Transit's total daily ridership.

The discontinued list is scheduled to receive final approval May 27, with service cuts to be effective in September. Last week directors tentatively approved fare increases that would be effective vuly 1. Final action on fare hikes is also scheduled for May 27.

The financially strapped transit district is facing either a \$18.6 million shortfall in the coming fiscal year — or \$14 million according

lion shortfall in the coming Inseat year — or \$14 million according to Metropolitan Transportation Commission projections. Monday's decisions follow nine hours of public hearings last week

Berkeley

Potters Guild

during which hundreds of angry bus riders packed the AC Transit Board room to protest proposed fare hikes and elimination of more than 53 lines.

At least one board member shared their dismay.

"The proposal is so radical, I don't support it," said Alice Creason, past president of the board.
"Cuts have to be spread throughout the district. We can't leave people isolated without service."

Before an overflow crowd of 500 riders and drivers, at least 200 hundred speakers pleaded with the district to preserve lines and make savings elsewhere, but wishing won't make it so, according to AC Transit spokesman Mike Mills.

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"When we start looking at an \$18.6 million shortfall, gentle paring is not going to solve the problem," Mills said.

Higher fares, tentatively adopted by the board last week, are expected to generate an estimated \$2.1 million.

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Beginning July 1, local senior fares would go up to 40 cents, adult fares will be raised to \$1.10 and youths would pay \$1. Books of 10 local ride tickets will cost \$9 for adults, \$7 for youths and remain at \$3 for seniors and certified displad rides. disabled riders.

disabled riders.

Transbay express rates will go up 25 cents for adults, making westbound fares \$1.50 and eastbound \$2.50.

Intercity express fares for adults will be \$1.35. Youths will pay \$1.10 seniors and disabled riders fares will be 40 cents. Convenience tickets will remain at \$1 each or \$10 for 10 tickets.

The UC ClassPass goes to \$100 and the UC satellite parking pass goes from \$27 to \$32 a month.

BARGAINS! May 2, 3, 9, 10 10am - 6pm

731 JONES ST., BERKELEY

The board also approved a new \$72 monthly pass for riders of the long line freeway transbay expresses as well as a new \$2.50 one way

ses as well as a new \$2.50 one way adult cash fare.
Fares for Golden Gate Fields special service will change May 3.
The district's 700-bus fleet serving a daily ridership of 235,000, this year operated under a \$138 million budget.
Next year's projected shortfall is 10 percent of the funding needed to maintain current levels of service, Mills said.
A projected 15 percent reduc-

of service, Mills said.

A projected 15 percent reduction in state sales tax revenues could force the district to implement the first fare increases in May, Mills said, adding that the majority of service cuts are slated for September.

Other budget reduction proposals include a shorter work week for management and salaried personnel, adopting salary and benefit packages with deferred compensation, and eliminating proposals in

the hopper for next year

AC Transit, one of the largest bus systems in the state, is not alone in its financial dilemma, Mills said.

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Funds from federal operations sources have been cut off, forcing transit districts across the nation to depend on steadily diminishing sales and property tax for funding.

Although ridership has increased dramatically since AC Transit instituted its comprehensive service plan two years ago, fare revenues account for only ½ of the district's annual budget.

"It's ironic to run into this problem at this time when the plan seems to be working," Mills said.

Eliminating transbay service, "service that has been in place since Key System days, is out of the question," Creason said. "If we want to get people out of their cars for environmental reasons, then we need more public funding."

Parks prepare swimming areas for summer season

The 1992 swim season has begun in the East Bay Regional Park District, which has seven swimming lakes, one public pool and two beaches on San Francisco

two beaches on San Francisco
Bay.

Swim fees are \$2 for ages 16
through 61 years; \$1 for ages 1 to
15 years,seniors (62 and older)
and disabled persons; and free for
infants under a year old.

Swimming hours are 11 a.m. to
6 p.m., depending on weather,
water quality, and lifeguard availability. Here are the schedules:

Lifeguards are on duty daily
from now through Sunday, April
26, then again on the weekend of
May 2-3, at Lake Anza in Tilden
Regional Park, Berkeley; Don

Castro Regional Recreation Area in Hayward, Shadow Cliffs Re-gional Recreation Area in Pleas-anton, Del Valle Regional Park south of livermore, and Contra Loma Regional Park in Antioch.

Daily lifeguard service will be provided from May 9 through Sept. 7 (Labor Day) at the parks listed above. At Cull Canyon Regional Recreation Area in Castro Valley, lifeguards will be on duty only on weekends from May 9 through 17, then daily from May 23 through Labor Day.

For more information on East Bay Regional Park District swim-ming facilities and programs, phone 635-0135, ext. 2200.









Station -

At one point, he said, discussions were underway concerning maintenance and repairs for the station — but funds were needed to establish the service for seniors.

"We stepped aside for the senior center," he said. "We understood that was a wrester need at the

stood that was a greater need at the

But the station has been waiting a long time for needed repairs.

According to Dworak, the City Council in 1976 put repair of the Arlington Station as its No. 1 priority. "That's now been on hold since Prop. 13," he said.

"It was decided (in 1985) that there was no use in major repairs of any kind (to be done by the fire-fighters)," he said. "We'd been patchworking until then. But with the foundation gone, there was no sense in repairing anything, because it will continually deteriorate."

Since then, the only significant repair has been the replacement of the water heater, he said.

Dworak explained that when the station was originally built in 1948, it was meant to house two pieces of equipment. However, one of the engine bays was "temporarily" put into use as a sleeping quarters with a small office. Though expansion toward the rear was intended, "it's been that way ever since," said Dworak; a larger bathroom and small kitchen have also been added along the way. Engine No. 72 is kept inside the one available bay, while Power Wagon No. 72 remains outside.

But the changed usage of what was intended for the two-bay station isn't the main problem. Dworak explained that when the

was intended for the two-bay station isn't the main problem.

"In the '40s," Dworak explained, "fire trucks weighed from 6,000 to 8,000 thousand pounds. It took four or five men to operate them."

Through attrition and monetary.

Through attrition and monetary cuts, however, three firefighters now handle the station. It became

ow handle the station. It became necessary to invest in a piece of equipment that three firefighters could operate. Engine No. 72 weighs 22,000 pounds, he said.

While the engine is several times heavier, nothing was done to upgrade the foundation. As a result, according to Dworak, "the foundation has failed, and the building is starting to crumble down on itself."

In fact, he added, crews can't close the engine inside its bay. Due to the settling of the building, there's never a guarantee that—

there's never a guarantee that— after a rain, for example—they'll be able to get the door open again in an emergency.

There are other problems as

well.

For one thing, there are women in the fire service now, including a female firefighter in the El Cerrito department. And there is no separate women's quarters or restroom. "She works up here, but it's really an inconvenience (for her)," Dworak said.

The plumbing has failed again.

Dworak said.

The plumbing has failed again and again; the crew has done many of its own repairs. It works now, but it's not up to code.

In addition, he said, the station

is out of compliance with the State of California's Essential Services Act in that it is required to have

The bottom line for Dworak and others who are concerned about the Arlington station is that "the outside appearance is different than what's undermeath. It gives a

false impression."

At the same time, however, the At the same time, however, the station is called upon to provide vital services to the city. For example, it has all the major communications equipment — antennae and repeaters — for the police tie-up with the county communications in Martinez. It all runs off a simple generator from a 1953 fire truck that had been taken out of service, Dworak said. It was over 10 years ago that the generator was put to the new use. "We hooked it up ourselves," he said. Its location alone is enough to make it of central importance.

make it of central importance.

Dworak noted that the main station is more centralized, with

Graduate named

Anna Delaine McCullough of El Cerrito was recently awarded a bachelor of arts degree from In-diana University, Bloomington,

El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

close backup not only from Ar-lington but from Kensington and the Richmond station housed on San Pablo Avenue (all three cities participate in a joint response

San Pablo Avenue (all three cities participate in a joint response agreement).

"But we're at the end of the hub," he said. "This station is really critical...In all the county surveys, this station has been (determined to be) in a critical location, because of the impact of Wildcat Canyon on the urban interface."

Despite the problems, Dworak believes the department has provided good service under the difficult conditions.

vided good service under the diffi-cult conditions.

Since Prop. 13, he said, careful decisions have been made on equipment purchase, personnel use and fire prevention activity.

"We do a good job," he said, referring particularly to the "out-standing education program" the city has carried out in fire safety.

But Dworak has watched the station physically deteriorate and believes that something must now be done.

'The firefighters have seen the "The Irrefighters have seen the problems that the city has, and they really have trouble putting their hand out," he said. "Historically, firefighters are problem solvers, not problem generators. We like to leave our problems at the firehouse.

"But now we need to ask the "But now we need to ask the community for help. People will be at risk at Wildcat Canyon (if nothing is done). Not a day goes by when we don't...realize there might be a fire there that we can't do anything about."

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The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce extends a warm welcome to Al M. Arechiga of New York Life Insurance

New York Life Insurance
Company, POB 5034, Richmond, telephone 236-6427, who has invested as an associate member.
President Michael Klinger along with Chamber Boardmember Dorothy Jacocks represented the Chamber, at the recent Coro Foundation presentation "The Logic of the City of El Cerrito." The foundation presented results of their survey of a cross-section of our city examining the values and perspectives of citizens and community leaders.

perspectives of citizens and community leaders.

• As manager, I attended the plan review of the Home Depot project when members of the El Cerrito and Richmond Planning Commissions met, the first joint effort of averseeing this effort of overseeing this development. Seventy percent of this store would be in Richmond and 30 percent in El Cerrito, with sales tax revenues being divided on the same ratio and so particles alies tax revenues on the same ratio.

Patrick O'Keeffe, contained that

development manager for El Cerrito, calculated that the amount gained by the city would be \$100,000. This is the site of the former Adachi Florist and

Nursery.

• Rena Bruton, chamber membership chair and manager, Bank of the West and her committee, Joyce Freeman, Citibank manager and Betty Albert, Imagemaker Fine Photography, "kicked off" May Membership Month at the recent chamber luncheon meeting, chamber luncheon meeting, stressing the need for members of the board of directors seeking out prospective members.

Prizes will be awarded for those

Prizes will be awarded for those signing the most new members as follows, two nights at Circus Circus, first prize, courtesy of June Boblitt, Full Circle Travel; \$100 Savings Bond, Rena Bruton, Bank of the West, second prize; \$125, sitting and portrait value, Betty Albert, Imagemaker, third prize; \$25, savings account, Vera Homlotis, California Federal Bank, forth prize. Any member may enter this competition of gaining new members and vie for prizes. Materials are available in the chamber office at 10848 San the chamber office at 10848 San Pablo Ave.

Keep the message coming: No new taxes

. No matter how loudly the message is delivered, many in the legislature still don't get the message — No New Taxes! Last week on two separate occasions, legislators showed they are out of touch with reality on this issue of highest taxes.

higher taxes.

First, a legislator in the
Assembly Revenue and Taxation
Committee questioned why a
business tax reduction should not
be repealed since the government allowed the businesses to have the
deduction in the first place and
have some of the government's have some of the government's

money.
Two days later, the Senate
Revenue and Taxation Committee
killed three bills in a four-bill
package. The three bills that were
killed provided incentives for
business to invest in California;
the committee passed the tax the committee passed the tax increase that was intended to offset the tax incentives. The

offset the tax incentives. The chairman of the committee commented he liked tax increase that fund state programs, but not tax incentives.

Avoiding higher taxes has consistently been rated a top priority for California business. Just last week, in a poll of 800 business representatives, 88 Just last week, in a point of occ business representatives, 88 percent identified California taxes as high. California already has the fifth highest corporate tax and the

thith nighest corporate tax and the eighth highest personal income tax. Our personal income tax is the most progressive in the country. This week the Legislature considered AB 1706 (Kopp), containing several of the provisions of the totally cert horizon. California Tax. provisions of the totally anti-business California Tax Reform Association initiative. The measure was almost approved and has been granted reconsideration.

At some point, enough is enough and businesses will simply post

enough and ousinesses with simply not locate or expand in California. That will make it very difficult to create the 300,000 new jobs necessary to take care of our population growth — jobs that create new taxpayers. The business community must

continue to speak out against higher taxers so that eventual message gets through.

Fred Main, V.P. and General Counsel California Che

Similarly, the view that government is virtuous and producers are evil is nonsense a nation which allows itself by actively guided by these illus-must lose both its liberty and

wealth.

Government can be both By and bad and producers, as we can be honest or dishones, Oppolitical discourse can be real rational, only when people at aught to make such discriminations.

The Chamber extends mon sincere sympathy to the family John Chan, of the former For Farm Grocery Stores. We as saddened to hear of this grat to the family, friends and the community of El Cerrito, loginaterest and support of the chamber over many years ware wouch appropriate and support of the chamber over many years were much appropriated and the support of the chamber over many years were much appropriated and the support of the suppor very much appreciated be sorely missed by all.

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Children are eligible for public tool kindergarten if the child libe 5 years of age on or before x.2, 1992. The district cannot copt registration for children or are younger than that age, in though the child may have assertal years of preschool ex-

tering your child at the

Shelley Bischoff, daughter of agy Gorham of Albany, and a dent at Albany High School, been selected to participate on Experiment in International

Spain program this sum-Rischoff, who is an aid at the

of our full elementary classrooms, we are not always able to place students at the school nearest their home. We consider a number of factors, but if all other factors are equal, the date of registration is taken into account.

Parents not residing in Albany who are interested in enrolling new students in Albany elementary schools, must apply for enrollment at the district office. Out-of-district applicants for grades K-5 will be placed on a first-come, first-served basis if classroom space is available.

space is available.

Registration requires documentation on immunization and residency. No registrations will be accepted unless all information is complete. The documentation includes:

Immunization: Parents must bring the child's birth certificate or other proof of age and must complete health forms concerning vaccinations, immunizations, and childhood diseases. Documentation of the dates of immunizations for polio, D.P.T. measles (Rubeola), mumps, and rubella (German measles) for each kindergarten child is required. No child can enter kindergarten without these immunizations. Mini-

HS student earns exchange opportunity

Berkshire Retirement Home and who was part of the UC-Berkeley Summer '91 Academic Talent Development Program, will spend approximately six weeks in Spain this summer with a group of other high schools students from around

the United States. After a few days

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mum doses required for polio are 3, as long as the third dose was received after the second birthday, and 4 doses for D.P.T., as long as the fourth dose was also received after the second birthday. Measles, rubella, and mumps (MMR) have a single required dose, provided it was received after the first birthday.

a single required to as provided was received after the first birthday.

Evidence of Residency: We define residency as where a child and his/her parents/legal guardian live. A parents must provide three forms of proof of Albany residency. I. A lease agreement that can be phone verified or a property deed and 2. At least two of the following with the address imprinted: W-2 form; PG&E or EBMUD document/bill; pay check; driver's license (not temporary); bank statement; public assistance documents. Non-citizens must provide a passport and Immigration Service documents.

If further address verification is needed, a residence verification officer will make unscheduled home visits. If it is determined subsequent to enrollment that you and your child's school residence is not Albany, the student will be dropped from enrollment in the district.

of cultural and academic orienta-tion in Madrid, Bischoff will travel to Granada to share the life of a Spanish family, take an inten-sive Spanish course and discover Spanish culture through lectures and experiential activities.

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Church Notes

*The GTU Spring Gospelfest featuring Brookins African Methodist Episcopal Gospel Choir, JoAnne Henry, PSR; Joyful Sound Choir, Beth Eden Baptist Church; Kairos Youth Choir, Linda Mayfield, Hilltop Community Church; St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Youth Choir, and Vukani Mawethu, singing South African freedom songs, will take place this Saturday, May 2 at 7 p.m. in the Pacific School of Religion Chapel.

PSR is located at Scenic Avenue and Ridge Road in north Berkeley.

The Black Seminarians organization of the Graduate Theological Union will host the event.

John Taylor, member of Northminister Presbyterian Church and physicist at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratories, will be guest preacher at the church. His sermon, "God's Appointment Book," is based on passages from Acts and John. Communion will beclebrated; Janet Kutulas will provide special music on flute. The church is located at 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito.

Fluitst Kate Steinbeck, cellist Anne Lemer and pianist Renee Witon will present a program of chamber music (most of the 20th century) at 8 p.m., Sunday, May 9 at the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, One Lawson Road, Kensington.

The program features two works by Bay Area composers — Hydra, by Enric Zappa, and Sonitudes for flute and c'eello, by Robert Hughes — and the East Bay premier of Scrivo in Vento, a piece for flute alone composed last year by Elliott Carter.

Also included are Trio for flute, 'cello and piano, by Ned Rorem, Hommage a Rameau, by Claude Debussy, and Suite No. 2 in d minor, BMV 1008, by J.S. Bach.

Steinbeck, Lemer and Witon are all on the faculty of the San Francisco Community Music Center.

Tickets for the May 9 concert may be ordered from the church at 525-0302.

The visual and growth from now until the year 2000. Call the church at 324-3383 for further information.

*Rev. Masuko, who has served as Interim Associate Pastor for Nichigobu ministry as the church at 24-200.

Stanta Bay 6.

The topic of the four-day seminar will be revival and growth from now until the year 2000.

Deadline for registration is May 9; forms and details are on the bulletin board or call 1-510-530-6333.

The first session of a new Sunday morning personal theology course at First Unitarian Church, One Lawson Road, Berkeley, is "The Void is not a Vacuum — Buddhist Insights and Western Science;" the leader is Kendra Smith. This is the first of a three-part series on Buddhism.

The spring Craft Faire of the Arlington Community Church will take place on Saturday, May 9, coinciding with the Kensington School Fair and the Kensington Library Book Sale. It will begin at 11:15 a.m. The church is located at 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington.

oegin at 11:13 am. The church is located at \$2 Arlington Avenue, Kensington.

• Marcia Falk, poet, liturgist and author, will conduct her new Kabbalat Shabbat Service composed from women's poetry and song on Friday, May 8 at 7 p.m. at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley.

Falk is a widely published poet and translator of both Hebrew and Yiddish and is an affiliate scholar at Stanford University (Institute on Women and Gender) and the Bain Research group at UC-Berkeley. Her new translation of the Song of Songs was published in 1991. Her two new books, The Book of Blessings: A Feminist Jewish Reconstruction of Prayer and With Teeth in the Earth, selected poems of Malka Haifez Tussman translated from the Yiddish, are forthcoming.



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Letters cont'd

trict in El Cerrito is meeting organized opposition in the community. Many citizens are being approached and convinced that this new fee needs to be voted on by the

convinced that this new fee needs to be voted on by the general public and not simply passed by action of the Council. This proposed delay is not even based on any specific objections to the amount or user of the assessment, just simply the mechanism of approval.

What the organizers of this opposition campaign don'trealize is that the council, urged to take action by the citizens who have worked on Project Listen, has chosen to act now to head off the 25 percent staff cuts and dramatic service cuts which will be necessary beginning this summer if the Assessment District is not passed. We do not want to loose valuable staff to layoffs and then find them impossible to replace in one or two years when the funding finally passes. We do not want our hillside areas to go through two or three additional fire seasons without further work on the fuel reduction program. We do not want our residents to face decreased fire protection and increased fire insurance costs as the result of a downgrade of our fire risk status.

status.

The average cost per household of this assessment district will be less than \$12 a month for hillside residence, and less than \$10 a month for the remaining residents. Without the increased protection and added fire safety this funding provides, we can anticipate an average increase greater than this amount in our fire insurance premiums. I would like to suggest that it makes more sense to pay to remove the hazards than to pay for more insurance. Consider the problems that the residents of Oakland and Berkeley are facing trying to collect just compensation for their losses from their insurance companies.

ance companies.

I want to make a special appeal to any citizens who have already signed a petition recording their objection to this Fire Assessment District. Please make an effort to get the facts regarding your decision. Contact our speaker's group, at "Citizens for El Cerrito 2000" (524-9526) and we will come and speak with you personally or in small groups. Attend your neighborhood information meetings personally or in small groups. At tend your neighborhood information meetings which

we will be holding in local park clubhouses the near future. If you reconsider, it is possible to rescind your objection by submitting a card changing your status, with the council, before May 18.

Participate in your community as an informed citi-

David Ludwig

Assessment needed

Editor:

On Monday, April 20, the El Cerrito City Council wisely, bravely and unanimously accepted Project Listen's proposal - To form a Fire Assessment District and collect a nominal Fire Assessment Tax annually (\$160 as needed) for up to 20 years.

In view of the massive Oakland/Berkeley Hills fire, (a holocaust) the projected tax is a must to assure our city's survival should fire strike again.

Too many people don't realize that a lucky wind was blowing last October, otherwise this city could have been wiped out.

Even so, there are people in this town who oppose the tax on a variety of grounds. The bottom line is that they don't want to spend the money. They'd rather save \$160 today and lose their house tomorrow or next year or the year after.

I'm an old man, a card-carrying member of the city's committee on aging and Project Listen. Let me assure you that the vast majority of our committee are all for the tax. Those seniors who can't afford the tax can be excused from paying it until their homes are sold.

Certainly, the majority stand by this and the other proposals of Project Listen in the interest of a quality city. There will be a public hearing on May 18, plenty.

proposals of Project Listen in the interest of a quality city. There will be a public hearing on May 18, plenty of chance to be heard. Unfortunately, a tiny minority of residents can force an election, which would take place in November and require a two-thirds majority.

Police Report cont'd

with a knife during the night of April 17 and breaking a window during the evening of April 23. Both incidents occurred on Rich-mond Street — in the 1100 and

1200 blocks.

One driver was arrested for possession of a loaded, concealed firearm after being stopped at Kearney Street and Stockton Avenue for a vehicle violation at 1:06 a.m. on April 20.

A 1982 Toyota Celica was reported stolen from the 500 block of Oak Street. A 1978 Pontiac Bonneville was taken from Peerless at Hill Street.

• Several residential burglaries were reported. Someone entered a Pomona home (0 to 100 block) by unknown means, then stole video games, a camera, and jewelry. The person who burglarized a home in the 1700 block of Walnut Street during the morning of April 20 cut a window screen to enter the residence, then stole some

the residence, then stole some jewelry.

An unlocked window was the means of entry for a burglar in the 7900 block of Terrace Drive. A watch was stolen during the day on April 22.

There was no loss reported.

on April 22.

There was no loss reported when someone cut the screen off the bathroom window of a home in the 600 block of Avila Avenue; entry was made through the open window.

window.

• Auto burglaries and property thefts from vehicles were reported at El Cerrito Plaza (home stereo equipment and a VCR), on the 1300 block of Liberty Street (two dollars and small miscellaneous items), at Peerless and Hill Street

hunting license stolen, in hunting license stolen, in Mayfair lot (duffle bag and tents), on the 1300 block of vonshire Drive (toolbox), as 800 block of Kensington (spare tire), on the 700 block of the stolen through the car's resistration, becar's resistration, as well as the car's resistration to the car's resistration. the car's registration), on the block of Clayton Avenue (h stereo and mounting brackethe 3200 block of Bel Avenue (cash and cassette to and on the 6600 block of W

and on the occur where or many and on the last case, the third tapes from the back seat but shed up the stereo, evidently frustration." at not being a remove it. Wirecutters was behind.

Shoplifting arrests made at the Food Bowl, Pa and Lucky, El Cerrito Plaza.

Obituary

Helen Torstrom

BERKELEY — Helen M. Torstrom, a 40-year resident of Albany and Berkeley, died April 21.

A New Jersey native, she retired after 13 years as a teachers aid for the Albany Unified School District. She was past president of the PTA and a scouting leader.

She is survived by her husband

of 45 years, Robert, of Albany; sons Robert of Atascadero, Ronald of La Jolla and Mark of Hayward; mother Helen Smythe of Walnut Creek; sister Patricia Peck of Concord; brother, Ray Smith of Teme-

cula, and five grandchildren.

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cday, April 21, El Cerrito had its first grass fire 1848501. The fire on the PG&E right-of-way at Lane and Shevlin Drive was small and thanks at workers with shovels in the area, the fire was control before firefighters arrived. Firefighters out the fire was extinguished completely as near houses on Burns Court. The cause of the property of the pro

rs from the Kensington Fire Station



est to the cording to El Cerrito Fire Chief Steve ht, the joint response agreement is critical now Cerrito has only two of its three fire stations the Ashbury Ave. station was closed in 1979).

ing to El Cerrito File Maistain Mark Scott. He at "this is the earliest grass fire I can bett. The grass already is dry enough to burn." by mark Firefighter Roger Rybicki, at the scene of estay fire, said that "the grass still looks green spite of our wet winter, the grass is dry and

ourn brown."

Outright is concerned. Fuel loading in the early high this year. The wonderful rain that system ter made the grass, weeds and shrubs fusely. Now they are starting to turn brown dry, they are the perfect fuel for fast-moving

Fire Hazard Reduction Program Halted

Can cutright also is concerned that the Fire Hazard Reduction program is stalled due to lack of money. After the work in Canyon Trail Park was completed — a model project — funds ran out and the program had to be halted. The Project Listen Operating Budget and Capital Investment Task Force said in their March 1992 reports to the City Council that the Fire Hazard Reduction program is too important to halt.

Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment
The Task Force solution to this funding proble
a Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment. With the
benefit assessment, the Fire Hazard Reduction

benefit assessment, the Fire Hazard Reduction program would be rejuvenated.

Members of the Task Force and other interested citizens, under a new name — "Citizens for El Cerrito 2000" — are out in the community to talk with you about the proposal benefit assessment. They say that "the Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment is needed to avoid further cuts in city services, including public safety." According to Chief Cutright, the benefit assessment revenues are essential for the Fire Department to be able to fill two currently vacant firefighter positions, restore the Fire Hazard Reduction program and replace worn out firefighting equipment and facilities.

Minority Rule

At the City Council meeting on April 20, the council heard from four citizens who spoke in favor of the benefit assessment as well as two who were protesting it. Some protestors claim that they do not oppose the assessment but they oppose the method of implementation. They say that the issue should be placed on the ballot and "let the majority rule."

It would take a two-thirds majority vote, however, to pass the Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment if it must be placed on the ballot. In other words, the majority may not be able to rule because it will take only a minority to stop the will of the majority. Two council members, Norman La Force and Cathie

Kosel, noted this fact at the April 20 meeting, and at the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on April 22, Commissioner Alan Miller made a similar observation. In his words, under the current system, there is "a tyranny of the minority."

"Two Years May be Too Late"

Fire Chief Cutright is concerned that without the funds to restore the Fire Hazard Reduction program there exists a distinct threat to homes and lives in El Cerrito. The Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment could not be placed on the ballot until November, at the earliest. Even if it passes — remember, it takes a two-thirds majority to pass, not just a majority —

revenue would not start coming in until December 1993. Two fire seasons would pass before the Fire Hazard Reduction program could be restored, and Chief Cutright is worried that two years may be too

Within the next few days, every property owner in El Cerrito will receive an information brochure about the Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment. It will tell you the exact cost proposed for your property, how the money will be used and the cost of not having additional revenue if there benefit assessment is successfully protested.

Police preparing to deal with possible race track strike

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — A strike by workers at Golden Gate Fields is expected "sometime this week," Police Chief Larry Murdo told the City Council at Monday night's

City Council at Monday hight's meeting.

The chief said he talked with track management and union leaders just prior to the meeting and, though four our of five of the unions involved seemed near resolution of the dispute, a leader of the parimutuel clerks' union had told him the clerks would "probably not accept the contract."

"We will do what we need to do to maintain order," Murdo said. "But it will be expensive and

With five unions involved, 200 to 400 demonstrators would be involved, he said.

Murdo recalled a janitors' strike at Golden Gate Fields in 1979 and the parimutuel clerks' strike in 1983 which required a "full sixperson complement on site from February to June." In both cases, because officers worked six days, 12-hour shifts, the incidence of illness and personnel complaints soared, he said.

gistics, food, portable shelters, sanitary facilities, video documenting, mass arrest protocols and transportation and "the myriad associated support functions" can run into thousands or tens of thousands of dollars, Murdo told

The council received Murdo's report without comment except when he said a state constitutional provision for recovery of funds reasonably expended for law enforcement duties could be pursued by City Attorns Robert Tyelon. by City Attorney Robert Zweben.

"We should send the bill to whatever happens,"
mber Thelma Rubin

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"I would like to see the Bay Trail physically in place on the waterfront before the year ends," he said. "We will work on getting the state to release the money. "Internally, our site, has an excel-

"Internally, our city has an excellent staff. I will work with them on long-range planning to maintain the services the city.



Bill Caln

services the citizens expect.'

The building of the Library/Community Center, scheduled for completion in August 1993, will be high on the city's work agenda this year, he said.

Before his election to the council in 1980, Cain was the school district's representative on the Park and Recreation Commission. He has been active with the Little League for 10 years as umpire coordinator, serving as league secretary for five years.

An ardent supporter of Albany schools, Cain campaigned for passage of the school tax and, as a member of the Albany Boosters, was bingo game manager for six years.

for six years.

He is vice president of the Albany-Berkeley Independent Elders Network, a group that helps frail seniors. They repaired, painted and fixed up 34 houses of low-income seniors and six community facilities last Saturday in the "Christmas in April" program.

Cain, 45, is a consulting engineer specializing in structural engineering. He lives on Curtis Street.

Park -

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table."

On the ballot for November is a Park Bond bill, which would set aside even more funds for state parks. The key now, insisted Bates, is taking action with the money that is available.

The key point in the bill is the turnover of responsibility for the park from the Parks Department in Sacramento to the East Bay Regional Park District. The exact wording of the bill sets forth that gional Park District. The exact wording of the bill sets forth that "the East Bay Regional Park District will act as agent for the state for the purpose of acquisition and planning of the...park...and develop a land use plan for the park."

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Bates said this designation of responsibility is important for two reasons: the Regional Park District is directly responsible to the voters and can be held accountable for their actions at election time; and they also have powers that will expedite completion of the park.

Of the responsibilities that the park district will have, the most important are its authority to condemn property, which the administration could not do, as a means of getting land for the park. Bates called the power to condemn "an important tool which we didn't have before." The Park District will also acquire what lands they can with the state bond money.

Among the stumbling blocks to completion of Albany's section of the shoreline park is appraisal of land for acquisition. Bates said he has disputed the value Catellus has put on their property, calling their figures "sky-high" and citing soil and traffic problems as reasons for lower land value. Bates mentioned that the expansion of Interstate 80 is also a factor in determining the

land's value, and that an appraisal by CalTrans of Catellus property will also be considered. Judy Innes of the Wildlife Commission said that it could take between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000

Commission said that it could take between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 to do a complete toxic study of the soil at the Albany Bulb, a former garbage dump. Citing this expense, she said that the original closure plan for the bulb might need to be reevaluated.

Bates called maintenance of the future park itself "the biggest problem. Who will operate and where will the money come from?" he asked. He said the state would have responsibility for the soil and development of the property, but may enter into an agreement with the park district to maintain it. Therefore, he said, the park would have to generate some revenue, and it would be important to keep it a "low-maintenance park."

Judy Innes also mentioned the Waterfront Commission's priori-

park."
Judy Innes also mentioned the Waterfront Commission's prioritizing of areas near the bulb for use. The first three sections, in order of importance, are the beach, the top of the hill, and the plateau.

"These priorities should be ful in saying what we shoul quire," said Innes.

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Bay Regional Shore Park, noting that Wils staff are truly commi-final vision of a park the the entire shoreline. In

Waldorf School annual fair this weeke

El Cerrito area youngsters and their parents are invited to attend the annual May Faire sponsored by the East Bay Waldorf School on Saturday, May 2, from 11 a.m.

to 4 p.m. The e n. event will take place in Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck The event will take place in Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck Ave. (at Berryman) in Berkeley. Admission is free. Featured will be a Maypole Pageant, crowning of the May Queen, folk dancing, strolling musicians, a puppet show, face painting, garland making, games for young children, and a display of artisans making their crafts. Food and crafts wi sale. For more information 547-1842.

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Maples-

He worked with the Department of Forestry for a while, where he got some experience fighting wildland

forest fires.

He then served with the Fair-field fire department before coming to El Cerrito. "I love the job here," he said. "I'm really happy to be here in El Cerrito."

nere, he said. "I'm really happy to be here in El Cerrito."

And his colleagues are glad to have him around. Don Crumpacker has been with the El Cerrito FD for 18 years. "You didn't even have to train this guy," he said of Maples. "He came ready. He can do everything, from mechanics to good personal skills."

For Sean Maples, the decision to be a police officer came a bit later in life. When he went to Los Medanos and Diablo Valley College, Sean knew he wanted to work outdoors and had zeroed in on the Fish and Game Department. Along the way, though, his work in the Administration of Justice

program began focusing more toward the study of crime.

"I realized the advantages to being a city police officer," he said. Not only was the job a more steady one in terms of pay and benefits, it was the wide variety of things to do that appealed to him and sent him to the police academy at Los Medanos. While enrolled there, he was accepted by the El Cerrito PD.

Sean joined the force in January

Sean joined the force in January 1987. In 1989, he was promoted to detective and remains in charge of

detective and remains in charge of investigating "persons crimes," including robberies, assaults and auto thefts. (Two other detective positions cover fraud-forgery and property crimes.)

His job involves everything that takes place after a patrolman takes the initial report, Sean explained. That includes determining of the suspect, obtaining any additional information needed and filling the case with the district attorney.

This week, Sean had to testify

in court concerning the Church's Chicken robbery, for example. He shared all the information he had gathered on the suspect, thought to be responsible for six thefts in Richmond, three in Pinole and the one in El Cerrito

one in El Cerrito.

Sean enjoys the challenge of the job and is sure he made the right career choice. He sees himself staying in El Cerrito for the long haul. And he'll be facing another challenge soon. He and his wife, Debbie, will have their first child in just a few more weeks.

Debbie, will have their first child in just a few more weeks.

Detective Maples' colleagues, too, seem as happy with his work for the department. He serves as vice president of the Police Officer's Association, has won several awards from the California Highway Patrol for auto theft recovery, and became Officer of the Year in 1989, his first year as a detective. That year, he was able to arrest a homicide suspect immediately after the crime occurred in Richmond.

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closing costs may differ from the custom in our local area. To determine which costs you are likely to incur in another area, call a Realtor or an escrow officer in that area and ask for a list of fees customarily read by the buser.

that area and ask for a list of fees customarily paid by the buyer. As a seller in the Oak-land/Piedmont/Berkeley area, you can expect to pay the following fees: The brokerage commission, Oak-

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which is negotiable but can equal 6 percent of the sale price; the fees associated with paying off the loan(s) secured against your home; Section 1 termite work; the documentary transfer tax (\$1.10 per thousand of the sale price); one-half of the city transfer tax; and miscellaneous fees for drawing and notarizing documents (approximately approximately approximate and notarizing documents (approximately \$150).

imately \$150).

When you pay off a home loan, you'll pay the remaining principal balance due plus at least one month's interest, since you're always one month behind on your

ways one month behind on your interest payments. Interest on a home loan is paid in arrears, which is the opposite of rent, which is paid in advance.

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"termite" work, is negotiable. In today's buyer's market, sellers are usually paying to correct Section 1 repairs. Section 1 findings are the items of actual infestation or damage caused by wood-destroying organisms (termites, dry-rot and fungus, to name a few). These are the conditions that need to be corrected in order for a "termite clearance" to be issued by the structural pest control company.

Section 2 items are those where no active infestation is found, but there are conditions that are likely

there are conditions that are likely to lead to infestation or damage in to lead to infestation or damage in the future if they're left unchecked. A seller can usually negotiate to have a buyer take responsibility for minor Section 2 findings; more expensive ones may require more negotiation between the buyer and seller.

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the purchase price in Piedmont, and 1.5 percent of the purchase price in Berkeley.

Berkeley has a new ordinance which allows you to take a part of the city transfer tax and apply it to

In Berkeley you can use part of the transfer tax for earthquake retrofitting.

ordinance (called RECU — Residential Energy Compliance Ordin-ance). If the seller does not comply with RECO by the close of escrow, the buyer will be required to comply with it no later than one year after the close of escrow. Call the city of Berkeley for the speci-

year after the close of escrow. Call the city of Berkeley for the specifics of this ordinance.

A buyer's closing costs in our local area include the loan origination fees (points, appraisal, credit report and document preparation fees), title insurance for the buyer and the buyer's lender, fire insurance prepaid for one year (earthquake insurance is usually at the buyer's option), approximately one month's interest on the new loan, the escrow fee, document and notary fees, and a tax service and property mortgage insurance

the cost of earthquake retrofitting

the cost of earthquake retrofitting the dwelling.

Several ordinance compliance requirements come into play when a home is sold. State and local laws require sellers to provide operable smoke detectors when they sell. Piedmont has a sidewalk ordinance that requires either the seller or the buyer to take responsibility for sidewalk repairs that might be required by the city.

Berkeley has an energy retrofit ordinance (called RECO — Residential Energy Compliance Ordinance)

and notary fees, and a tax service and property mortgage insurance if required by the lender.

The amount of a buyer's closing costs will vary with price, location and loan amount, but they can equal approximately 4 percent of the purchase price.

Property taxes and homeowner's association dues, if there are any, are prorated at the date of closing. A home protection plan, which is a maintenance contract



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Chilstopher Contreras, left, Tricia Friedman and Scott Gotreau 1888 a killer in Agatha Christle's 'Mousetrap' at Holy Names.

prama — psychiatric or mysterious

Bishop O'Dowd High School's Performing Arts Department, which are its drama as seriously as any professional company, is mounting to psychological drama Equus. The drama centers around the relationable between a psychiatrist and a teenager whose mental problems led into maim a horse. The play runs Thursday through Sunday this week adnext (Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and simals at 7 p.m.) at the school, 9500 Stearns Ave. in Oakland. Rems runs north from 98th Avenue just west of Highway 580.) Tickstrange from \$5 to \$10; call 577-9140 for reservations.

Holy Names College is presenting Agatha Christie's The Mousemy. This play opened in London in 1952 and has run pretty well without a break since then (it's probably still running). A group is snow-wood at a country inn and must discover which one of their number is widous murderer. The show runs Thursday through Saturday of this work at 8 p.m. at the campus' McElroy Hall. Take the Redwood Road on from Highway 13 and head west, following signs to Holy Names, 13500 Mountain Blvd. Tickets are \$2 to \$4; call 436-1000 for reservators.

Hot pipes at the Paramount

Organ Pops Series continues sturday at 8 p.m. with Lew Williams, voted "Performer of by Year" by the American Theire Organ Society. Williams is timous for his transcriptions of imphonic works, like the "Ride fithe Valkyries" from Wagner's bit Walkire. At the Paramount, all have at his command the highty Wurlitzer," with its simulation of 27 instruments plus persusion and special, sound effects. Likets are \$7 to \$17; call 465-800 or BASS/TM Outlets.

The next day at the Paramount, a California Women's Chorus high at 2 p.m., performing a promus called "Across America in long"



Lew Williams at the Wurlitzer

chamber group in mainly new works



The Oakland Chamber Or-The Oakland Chamber Orchestra has put together a concert of what it calls "new and classic works for electronics and chamber ensembles." Most people, though, would find the mix more new than classic. It includes works by Patricia McKann Mancini (who conducts the concert), Javier Castillo and Joseph Mancini, who is a 1991 Creative Artist Fellow of the City of Oakland. The classic works are by Bartok and Schönworks are by Bartok and Schön-berg. It's this Sunday at 3 p.m. at the James Moore Theater in the Oakland Museum, 10th and Fallon streets. Tickets are \$12 to \$15; call 533-6145 for informa-

ancers support women with cancer

An Evening to Support Women With Cancer," Saturday at 8 at UC-Berkeley's Wheeler Hall, features the Axis Dance when the Dance Brigade, Altazor, and Sistah Boom. Margaret and Hunter is the mistress of ceremonies. Tickets are \$12 to 0, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Call 548-72 for more information.



^{8 Da}nce Brigade dances in support of women with cancer.

An indomitable genius may get his due

■ Despite polio, Leplin continued to compose, paint and live fully.

By Rocky Leplin

The last memory I have of being held by my father is the stuff of which nightmares are made. I was 3 years old, and we were standing at the Pulgas Temple, a shrine to the engineering feat that diverted the Hetch Hetchy River from the Sierra to Crystal Springs, the reservoir behind San Francisco.

The shrine features a deep well at the bottom of which the foaming white river fills the column with a roar. My father held me in the air above the well, and I screamed. Obviously, it would seem to anyone looking, this man was no genius. Only, this man was a genius.

At least Leonard Bernstein intimated as much when he called his First Symphony "incredible music." Pierre Monteux considered him his protege, a man born with the gift of conducting.

His name was Emanuel Leplin, and he was a violist, conductor, composer, oil painter and, on occasion, cartoonist, architect and poet.

What my father had yet to learn about how not to sport with his child, he would learn — after the power to hold either of his children was taken away from him. He was left with the strength to hold these

was taken away from him. He was left with the strength to hold these three things: a pencil, a brush and a

straw.

While a sophomore at UC-Berkeley, he was encouraged to enter the Prix de Paris, a composition contest in which no one but graduate students had ever competed. Nonetheless he won the award. The prize was two years of study in France, with the composer Darius Milhaud, and Monteux, who, while not directing the San Francisco Symphony, held a school in Provence.

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Back in San Francisco, Manny met and married Anita Shiner, a student at San Francisco State. Manny was now a violist in the San Francisco symphony. In 1947, the symphony took a transcontinental tour, and the repertoire included his first major orchestral piece, Comedy, which he conducted himself. The piece was praised everywhere.

When he wasn't performing or composing, Manny oil-painted. Using techniques as striking and colorful as those in his music, he converted the bridges, ships and skyscrapers of San Francisco into scenes of sweeping expressionism.

He also designed a house with a vaulted roof, a diagonal wall of glass, and an indoor chimney above the fireplace. It became our family home, in the then rural suburb of San Mateo.

Manny also conducted chamber concerts by members of the symphony, and it was from out of these that the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra — a group now in its 40th season — began. When he wasn't involved in one of his creative pursuits, he would pour cement for our patio, plant bamboo or lay bricks for the living-room chimney.

One day after coming home from a rehearsal he started to feel faint. He then had trouble breathing, and my mother called an ambulance. He walked to it, and that was the last time he walked.

An epidemic of polio was sweeping the Bax Area and it swept my

time he walked.

An epidemic of polio was sweeping the Bay Area, and it swept my father into a iron lung, where for nine months he fought for his life. In his delirium, he had repeated dreams of picking up a fiddle and not being able to play. The dream was prophetic: when he came out of the lung, he was paralyzed from the shoulders down.

down.

He had been spared the movement of the thumb and first two fingers of his right hand. He could still hold a pencil, and he could still write music. Later, he discovered that if he held a brush in his mouth, he could still paint. Polio had burned out his motor nerves, but it had done nothing to stanch his creative fire.

As soon as he came home, he went back to work. In 1960, the San Francisco Symphony premiered his next two pieces.

"It is a rare thing," wrote the Chronicle's music critic, "for one man to be represented at the Opera House with two excellent paintings in the lobby and two first-class tone poems on the stage, but such was the representation accorded Emanuel Leplin Wednesday night...

"Serenity, clarity, richness of color and strength of substance were the keynotes in Landscapes. Sky-



Above: Leplin before polio. Below: In the wheelchair from which he continued several co

scrapers added great excitement of rhythm ... a sense of the epical and

rhythm ... a sense of the epical and the monumental."

Next my father was commissioned to write his First Symphony, which he subtitled "Of the Twentieth Century." With a brush in his teeth, he painted four canvases, each one corresponding to the theme of one of the movements. The paintings were displayed in the Opera House when the symphony was premiered in 1962.

In 1966, his Second Symphony was premiered by Josef Krips. After having learned the score, Krips came to our living room, and, sitting next to my father, sang the entire 45-minute symphony straight through from beginning to end.

When Krips was finished, he exclaimed, "It's more complicated than Stravinsky."

In the afternoon, my father would paint on an easel that had been designed to move on tracks. His attendant sliced the colors with the edge of his brush according to his instructions.

The top halves of many of these

of his brush according to his instructions.

The top halves of many of these
paintings, unreachable from his
wheelchair despite the easel's engineering, were painted upside-down.

A lover of chess, my father had a
board with green squares painted on
his lapboard. His opponents were
his closest friend, my brother, or
myself.

his closest friend, my brother, or myself.

He had designed an armrest, which elevated his arm and let his fingers dangle. From this perch they grasped a straw, and he would move his pieces with it.

Though this humble use of the straw may not have produced results as significant as those of his pencil or his brush, it did seem to catch his essence. There was a quiet dignity about the way he moved those pieces that characterized a steadfast willingness to meet life on its own terms, and master them.

At night he slept in his large studio, in a rocking bed, which enabled him to breathe without a respirator. Attendants slept in the studio as well, on call at night to attend to his needs. Unfortunately, most attendants slept right through his calls.

Giving up on them, he would call my mother. She invariably heard him and responded, as often as five times a night. But there were many times when, not wanting to awaken her, he let itches run their slow and painstaking course around his body in silence.

In those days, accommodations



Leonard Bernstein called his First Symphony 'incredible music.' Pierre Monteux considered him his protege.

for wheelchairs were nonexistent. Our own local theater refused him admission, citing his wheelchair as a fire hazard. To deal with this, my father co-edited "The Spokesman," a newsletter for post-polios which he illustrated with doodles, and in which he encouraged his fellow "wheelniks" to agitate for access, both physical and mental.

"Being confined to chair, bed or even iron lung need not shut one out from community life, nor an active and vital existence," he wrote in an editorial. "If society has a responsibility to its citizens (and that must include the disabled) then we all have a responsibility to ourselves."

My parents bought a lot on Montery Bay Street, and my father designed the house that built on it down to the electrical outlets and up to the dining room chandelier.

This was his dream house. Our neighbor on the beach side had commanding ocean view, and she let my father sit on her deck and compose, sketch or just relax, for hours.

When my mother bought a dune

bours.

When my mother bought a dune buggy, my dad officially entered nirvana. Together they explored miles of countryside, past fields of artichokes and big white mushroom

Artichokes and oig white instances.

Late one afternoon the buggy got stuck at the edge of the Pajaro when the tide was coming in. My mother had no choice but to leave my father there while she ran for help.

"Take your time," he said, exhibiting no sign of finding his predicament even mildly annoying. "The captain," he called after her, "must go down with his ship."

As it turned out, he was secretly hoping to be airlifted out by chopper. He talked about this drama for weeks, referring to it as "one of my finest moments."

Rare display of Leplin's music and paintings

On May 8 there will be a are chance to experience the art of Emanuel Leplin. The occasion is a concert by Berkeley violinist Joseph Gold and Israeli pianist Lea

Neiman.
On the program is a sonata by Leplin. At the concert there will also be an exhibit of Leplin's oil paintings and

watercolors.

The recital program also includes Etchings, a set of miniatures by the American violinist Albert Spalding.

The recital will be at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. in Berkeley. Tickets are \$5 to \$10, available at the door. The event is a benefit for the Young People's Chamber Orchestra.



Leplin's pre-polio painting 'Buena Vista'

Actors Ensemble romps in 'Rover' Berkeley Rep looks to '924

But the production puts the play beyond comprehension

By Phyllis Lyon

Following an internal disaster that caused last-minute cancellation of the run of Lady in the Dark in January, the Actors Ensemble of Berkeley has turned their stage lights up on an ambitious production of The Rover, the 1678 Aphra Behn comedy of manners which got the Restoration play-ball rolling.

Stage

After 12 years of stifling Puritan rule, in 1661 the English crown was restored, and the stage busted out all over with sex comedies, long on colorful spectacle and short on plot. Roistering rakes clash swords to win fair maids, bed-swap with ladies of the realm, cut each other up with ribald rapier. cut each other up with ribald rapier

Just looking at it, the Actors Ensemble's The Rover appears to fit the Restoration comedy bill. Sixteen actors, flashily decked out for carnival in Naples, noisily come and go, clink epees, pseudocopulate and skillfully avoid running into each other during their three hours strutting and fretting

on the Live Oak Theater's cozy stage.

"Noisily" is the operative word here. For a reason known only to director Steve Hill, the players yell out their lines with the speed of a flying pie at an unmodulated, earshattering decibel level which renders the play's content, if any, beyond human comprehension. Dogs — maybe.

Among the company of attractive, young actors, John Lohr is funny and most nearly understandable as Ned Blount, a pudgy would-be lover conned out of his purse and clothes and sprung through a trap door into a sewer pipe by two con artist women. Ensemble stalwart Ralph Miller fawns with sly good humor in the lesser role of obsequious servant Stephano.

Beth Parelman conveys pretty confusion as Florinda, the ingenue whose spoil-sport brother is intent on mismatching her with his old pal, Antonio, played by Will Campbell. Her friend, Hellena, a second-banana love interest, is done up fay, way too fay, by Den-

If Kevin Nolan Caston plays

Florinda's true love, the English officer, and well he may, he makes a tall, dark and handsome swashbuckler. Otherwise there's no telling who's who even with a pro-

Judgment on whether Aphra Behn is up there with Congreve and Sheridan will have to wait for another production, another day.

After 300 years of obscurity, blacked out of literary history with the rest of the world's women writers, Aphra Behn is currently on a roll. No wonder feminists on a roll. No wonder feminists now champion the seminal literary feats of the adventuress-novelist-playwright-spy, who was raised in Surinam, became the darling of a native prince and rests in Westminster Abbey. Was she not in fact the originator of the English novel as we know it?

Judgment on whether Behn Restoration comedies are un there

Judgment on whether Behn Restoration comedies are up there with Congreve and Sheridan will have to wait for another production, another day, however. As the Actors Ensemble do it, The Rover might as well still be on a shelf in Stoke Poges gathering dust.

Without a clue as to what's going on on stage, three hours sitting in a rump-numbing Live Oak Theater seat feels more like a season in hell than an engaging evening away from the TY set.

The Rover plays through May 9 at the Live Oak Theater, 1301 Shattuck at Berryman, Berkeley.

Celebrating 25 years of "confounding expectations," Berkeley Repertory Theatre's artistic staff announced productions scheduled for the theater's 1992-93 Mainstage season at a Shattuck Hotel press conference on April 17.

The transfer of Geoff Hoyle's highly acclaimed The Convict's Return, which recently concluded 23 performances in the Rep's Parallel Season, to the Stage Door Theater in San Francisco for an extended run from June 11 to July 5 was also revealed.

"The new season reflects what we do best," said Berkeley Repartistic director Sharon Ott, "present the best of today's theater and re-examine acknowledged but sel-dom-performed masterpieces."

The company, which began 25 years ago as the Pomegranate Players at International House on the UC-Berkeley campus, opens the new season in September with the Bay Area premiere of David Mamet's wicked Hollywood

the Bay Area premiere of David Mamet's wicked Hollywood Mamet's wicked Hollywood comedy Speed-the-Plow, a tale of lust, greed and spirituality in the Valley of the Deals, directed by Richard E.T. White, featuring Charles Dean in the role of Charlie

be Mad Forest by British play-wright Caryl Churchill based in her experiences in pre- and post-

The Rep's Anthony Taccone and Sharon Ott

revolutionary Romania. M Wing-Davey, who directed revolutionary Romania. Mark Wing-Davey, who directed the original production in London last year, will direct Berkeley Rep's Mad Forest with members of the New York company and local actors yet to be cast.

Ben Johnson's Volpone will open in January with an updated adaptation commissioned by Ber-

keley Rep from San Franc Mime Troupe playwright Holden. Anthony Taccone da a comic team that includes (a

a comic team that includes fi Hoyle, Charles Dean and Si Lockwood. In mid-March, Sharon Ott stage the tender, lyrical and o looked play by Henrik Ibsa See REP on n

Leplin-

tion, feeling like passengers on a ship that was lost in a storm.

Emanuel Leplin's repertoire, which includes a third symphony, violin concerto, and many other compositions for orchestra and chamber groups, has been sitting in boxes now for two years. My mother, my brother and I share his paintings, his watercolors, his drawings, his scrapbooks, his letters and his legend.

If I have anything to say about

it, and I don't know if I do, time will catch up to him.

He was the greatest and the ablest man I have known and will ever hope to know—a true American genius, whose music, art and inspired life are still waiting to be discovered.

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Rocky Leplin is a music reviewer for the Hills Newspapers.

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Little League's back

SPORTS

Division competition is hot

The Albany Little League is well into another exciting year of youth baseball action. Nearly 30 teams are already vying for playoff positions after just three weeks, and star players are already shooting to the top.

One of the hottest division battles that has shaped up in the early going is between the senior division's Reds and the Astros.

The Reds bolted out of the gates with an early 4-0 record, outscoring their opponents 39-15. Meanwhile the Astros came out as the scappers and did just what it took to start off 3-0. The two met twice last week and showed each other their metal.

In the first meeting, the Reds jumped to a 4-0 after two innings with the key blow coming from

loaded.

Douglas then saw a wild pitch from pitcher Nickelsen and took off for the plate. The throw to Nickelsen covering the plate beat the runner but a good slide got around the tag and the Reds tied the score. After the bases were re-loaded, Lochner walked to force home Tom Beckwith with the go ahead run.

In the last of the fifth, the last due to darkness, outfielder Kris Grun-

Sports Roundup

St. Mary's runs for championship

Inished third (45 points), Merced fourth (42 points) and Independence was fifth (36 points).

The same Panther foursome that won the mile relay also placed second in the 400 relay in 42.81 behind Vallejo at 41.76, and was second in the 800 relay with a personal best 1:28.03 behind Vallejo at 1:27.63.

Wilson finished second in the 400 at 48.72 and Sullivan was third in 49.44. Branch was fourth in the 100 at 11.13.

In field events, Chris Clarke placed second in the shot put at 46-2 3/4, while Padraic Rohan placed third in the discus at 136-5.

The Panthers also won the meet in the frosh/soph division. St. Mary's scored 102 points to win, outdistancing Bear Creek (83 points), Silver Creek (83 points), Merced (35 points), Jamaal Taylor, Jerome Spence, Anthony Montgomery and Doug Boyd combined for two relays that set new meet records. They won the 400 relay in 43.93 for a new mark and set a new standard in the 800 relay at 1:32.1. the same team also won the mile relay in 3:33.0, which would have placed third in the varsity meet.

Spence won the 100 in 11.1, Boyd won the 400 in 52.24 and Montgomery placed third in 52.62, and Ihsan Warren placed second in the discus at 137-0.

UCB's Canadian Olympic hopeful ready to compete

Dean Kondziolka has set plent of swimming records

Girls softball season returns

Local 7- to 11-year-olds good for forming 16 teams

ftball

By Monte Meyers

It's springtime, and high time for those major leaguers from the Albany-Berkeley Girls Softball League to get out and play some ball. The 1992 season is under way, and warm weather and bright blue skies greeted the 16 teams and their colorful uniforms. This year there are eight teams in both the Younger (ages 7-11) and Older divisions (ages 11-14.)

The game started out great for the Older Division's Khuner Photography. Snapshots as teammates Malaysy Reilly and Tejuanya Tolbert clobbered back-to-back home runs in the first inning. But the PALS from Plywood and Lumber Sales stuck together and came from behind to win 15 to 10. Becca Lerna, playing at first base, reached out and snared a searing line drive to end the third inning and kill a Snapshot ra.lly.

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In the fifth inning, she not only caught another pop fly, but blasted a triple to put the game away. Catcher Rebecca Hunt's outstanding catch of a pop up behind the plate was noted as a key play of the game.

Marika dressed up Jane Hammond Events with a stunning 21-10 win. The game featured a torrent of hitting by Marika including Mariel Adler-McAlister's smash line drive

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Local ball teams meet in tourney

thine 31. Joseph eiged out Albany 4-5 and with the win the Filots knocked the Gauchos into third.

The last-day tie gave Pinole 2-0-1 record to win the tournament. St: Joseph placed second at 2-1, and El Cerrito dropped to third with a 1-1-1 record. Albany finished fourth at 0-3.

The Gauchos have bigger things to worry about than their own tournament. El Cerrito came into the week tied with Pittsburg and Clayton Valley at 5-5 for fourth place in the Bay Valley Athletic League. The top four teams make it to the BVAL playoffs, so the Gauchos are right on the bubble. El Cerrito played at Pittsburg on Tuesday.

Today is a must-win game against Berkeley at Contra Costa College (3:45 p.m. game time), because next week El Cerrito travels to take on topranked De La Salle on Tuesday and plays the final home game against Clayton Valley at Cerrito Vista Park on Thursday.

One week from today the Gauchos will either be in or out of the BVAL playoffs, which will run May 12-15.

Jackets hoping for a fine finale

Berkeley had a 2-0 lead going into the sixth inning against Casa Grande of Petaluma in the first game. Jason Badgley crashed an RBI-double that scored Zach Chun for the first run and Nick Fox drove in Badgley. Casa Grande, the eventual tournament champions, came back with three runs in the sixth and two in the seventh for the 5-2 win.

The Yellowjackets then played Drake in the second game and lost 8-1. Berkeley used five pitchers in an effort to scout out some players for the four remaining league games and next season.

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Tom Fairchild. ''They showed me a lot in the layed like they were playing for everything.''

a 5-1 lead and scored four runs on five singles in 1 victory. Berkeley pitcher Jot Splenda, also a light of the day with a hit from both sides of the

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sacrifice fly and Grunwald drove
a run with a single.

David Kotylar came to the

David Kotylar came to the mound in the fifth and went the final two innings to stop the Reds on just two hits the rest of the way.

Serpa's big day included three singles, a double and two runs batted in. He also scored a run that helped propel the Astros.

In other action the Mets, who won only one game last year have already topped that victory total and they did so with a 10-6 win over the Padres.

Major action

In the major division, the defending champion Cardinals have found things going pretty good as they try to win for the second straight year. Late inning heroics were their theme last year and against the Dodgers last week they struck again.

The Cards scored four runs in the last inning for a 5-4 win. Nate Clark's hit tied the game and Matt Himmelstein scored the game winner with a double.

On the mound Clark was throwing heat, as he struck out 11 batters and walked none while allowing three hits. For the Dodgers, Antony

Softball—

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In Younger Division play, the lorth Face Stars dazzled the Nel-on-Meyer-Ung Bandits 27-19. The tars' Defense was out of this rorld. Carrie Hollings made an nassisted double play at shortstops she tagged out the Bandit running rom second to third, and the other rho tried to steal second base. And ammate Caelin Boman made two nassisted put-outs a third base.

Becky Waxman was the catalyst or the two runs. The Bandits' bal-need hitting attack featured the hot-

Taylor doubled and Robby Onwel-

Taylor doubled and Robby Onweller smashed a homerun. Josh Wray and Tim Onweller each had singles and scored in the fifth inning.

The Cards fell short against the Braves when Lucas Van Dyke pitched a complete game, striking out 10 batters. Sam King, Colin Becker and Justin Ossola pitched well for the Cards in the loss.

Robert Collier had the big hit for the Cards with a two-run double while for the Braves Ted Val., Adam Olson and Darrell Wirth had hits in a four run fourth-inning rally.

The Cubs have also got off to a hot start, tied for the lead in their division. After a loss to the Pirates last week, they came back to beat the Athletics.

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Against the Pirates, Steve Taylor, Mark Spear, Emilio Parker, Josh Phelps and Tembe Chigovanyika all got hits. For the Pirates the big blow was a three-run homer by catcher Massimo DiCostanzo.

The Cubs bounced back with a 5-2 win over the A's in which pitchers Chigovanyika and Maurice Gibbons tossed a no-hitter Gibbons struck out seven batters in three innings. Gibbons also got two hits, scored twice and drove in a run in the win.

Scored twice and the win.

Other hitting stars included Taylor, who score twice and drove in two, Jermaine Land who got a hit and scored a run and Spear who had an RBI single.

The Cubs record stands at 4-3.

hitting Emma Flanders, who scored five times. And teammate Rachel Williams made several nice plays in the field, including a timely catch, to stop a Stars' rally.

The Yenching cooks feasted on Red Oak (a specialty), winning 26-19. Emily Helliesen and Stephanie Wong combined to shut out Red Oak in the first inning Emily also creamed two triples in the games. Pitcher Anika Harper cooked up a couple of defensive plays in the fifth inning to record two of the three outs. Red Oak shortstop Mariko Holland twice scooped out ground balls and fired on to first to record the outs. And Maggie Popkin played outstanding defense in the outfield.

Roundup cont'd

nacio Valley and Pittsburg. Fairchild said it is up to his team how they want to finish off the season and the year. There are nine seniors graduating, six of them on the starting squad, and they would like to finish on a positive

of them on the starting squad, and they would like to finish on a positive note.

"I think the fact that they had some close games, they could have spiraled further," said-Fairchild. "They all show up for practice. There's a lot less of all that other talk. They could use it as an excuse, but they have the choice to make it what they want. Their season is down to four games."

BIS — verbal volleyball stars

BERKELEY — Every team needs a firebrand that gets the rest of the players going. David Almageur is that kind of guy for the Berkeley boys' volleyball team.

Almaguer looms larger than life when it comes to playing volleyball. Larger, because his 5-feet-9-inch, 130-pound frame is misleading to opponents. He may not be physically menacing before the match, but during the match he's a giant on the court.

The senior outside hitter works in two ways. He leads Berkeley in kills, hitting percentage, digs and aces. In the game against second place De La Salle, Almaguer had 33 kills and a .634 hitting percentage, which is equivalent to hitting that high in baseball. That's enough to force other teams to avoid him completely.

His other weapon is his mouth. "He talks a great game," said Berkeley head coach Ed Cohen. "He has a way of unnerving the opponent. David is an absolute master at it."

A typical play by Almaguer is to go up high at the net against blockers six and seven inches taller, hit the ball off their block so it lands out of bounds, then "he adds a little word."

Cohen said Almaguer is Teflon-coated when it comes to retorts by other players. "Nothing sitcks to him. Nothing is going to bother him. He's the kind of player you love to have on your team and hate to have on the other team."

Whatever he does it seems to work for Berkeley. Coming into this week.

team."

Whatever he does it seems to work for Berkeley. Coming into this week the Yellowjackets were 17-0 in the Bay Valley Athletic League with a solid hold on first place and four games remaining. Cohen said other teams have improved more than Berkeley since the start of the season, but he added that a seemed to have peaked already.

"We've started practicing harder," he said. "We're at a point in the season where we can turn the heat up. With four matches left we want to peak at the right time."

Almaguer has only one weakness. He doesn't play as well when the opponent is weak. If the competition is not there and the rest of his team loses intensity, he loses his edge. That's because he thrives on competition, said Cohen.

en.
ortunately for Almaguer and the rest of the team, the playoffs are comand the first chance at the newly formed North Coast Section tournaat. There should be plenty of pressure to keep everybody happy.

Lacrosse playoffs provide juice

BERKELEY — A meeting of like minds will take place at 3:30 this afternoon when Berkeley heads to Bishop O'Dowd for the final game of the regular lacrosse season.

At stake is the seeding for the Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association playoffs. The top two seeds get a bye in the opening rounds which

begin Saturday. St. Ignatius of San Francisco, the only undefeated the league coming into this week, already has the No. 1 seed.

Berkeley can secure the No. 2 seed with a win against O'Dowd pending on how the Dragons did against SI on Tuesday, it could could be game today.

"We may already have the second seed," said Berkeley head on Cillies on Monday. "It depends on how O'Dowd does against St. 18. If Berkeley gets the No. 2 seed, the Yellowjackets will not have until the semifinals on Wednesday. Right now Gillies feels his tened of some tougher competition to get out of a funk. Not gettings may actually do the team some good.

"Were bored right now," said Gillies of his team. "It's hard to plintense lacrosse if you don't have the competition, Hopefully the will put some juice in us."

The Yellowjackets cannot afford to have a bad game in the play less it's to a bad team. Six teams make the playoffs, but if Berkeley bye to the semifinals the Yellowjackets will probably play either O'D Palo Alto.

St. Ignatius had to go into double overtime before heating his

arters.

Some of that may be due to injuries. Gillies said he doesn't has erves and he is missing some key players. "Right now I don't ny subs," he said. "Pat Meggyesy has stitches in his nose an wille, one of our better scoring midfielders, is out. He's cons

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Itrst in the meet.
"Don't ask me why they've set these standards," he said. "You could be the fastest in your race and not go, It's really cheesy, but there's nothing we can do about it right now."

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Fortunately, Kondziolka knows all about big-meet pressure. While growing up in Mississauga, Canada, Kondziolka qualified for nationals for the first time when he was 14. By the time he was 16 he placed fourth in the country, and at 18 won his first national championship. In 1991, he placed 18th in the World Championship 50 free with a time of 23.3 while he was sick Along the way, Kondziolka set a host of agegroup records and cleaned up in his school competitions.

"There were a bunch of guys who were just swimming for fun," he said. "I'd win the 50 free by sev-

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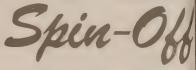
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Hertz Hall Wednesday noon concert features Gamelan Sekar Jaya, May 1 in Faculty Glade; University Chorus, May 6 — Bach. GTU Spring Gospeffest is May 2 at 7 p.m. at the Pacific School of Religion , Scenic Avenue and Ridge Road, Berkeley, Free. 456-2681.

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Morris dancers and other performers visit the Berkeley Farmers Market May 2 at 12:30 p.m. Market is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, Center Street at Martin Luther king. Tuesday Market 2-7 p.m., Derby at Martin Luther King.

Holocaust Oral History Project airs at 10 p.m. May 5 on Cable Channel 29.

Gardening overview with Judith Goldsmith May 2, 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Ecology

ianne Noland (540-5050) and Mary Meade (525-0893).

La Pena presenta a Cinco de Mayo program for families with Jose-Luis Orozco, May 2, 10:50 am. \$3/82. Video may 3: "Sri Lankan Workers Face Free Trade, 7:30 p.m. Benefit— \$7:510.

May Faire at the Waldorf School May 2, Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$47-1842.

Living Dying Project offers a weekend of community training "Healing Our Lives," May 2-3, Trinity Methodist Church, 2962 Bancroft, Berkeley, \$100 — financial assistance available. 459-4473.

Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant, will be open for architectural tours April 26 from noon to 4 p.m. Docent tours are \$1.50 per person. 848-7800.

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"How to Maintain Your Balance in a Changing World," a free lecture May 6 at the Transcendental Meditation Center, 2716 Derby, Berkeley, 548-1144.

Berkeley City Club meets with the Commonwealth Club May 5. 6:30 p.m., wine and cheese; 7 p.m., program. Members \$8, guests \$11.

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Career change support groups first and third Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon. \$5/\$7.50. Turning Peint Career Center, University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 94704. 848-6379. Cancer Support Group meets every other Friday, 9:30-11 a.m., at All Souls Episcopal Church. Spruce and Cedar, Berkeley. 2all Jan at 845-9055.

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Lady From the Sea, featuring renowned Norwegian actress Juni Dahr, to be presented as part of the 1993 West Coast Festival of Norwegian Culture.

The fifth play of the Mainstage season to produced in late April is yet to be selected.

Berkeley Rep's Parallel Season will begin a pilot program with the UC-Berkeley Department of Dramatic Art mounting two productions at the Zellerbach Playhouse on the campus. The pilot program exchanging resources and facilities is designed to benefit Caldramatic arts students by working with a professional company.

Opening the Parallel Season in December the Rep will produce Dragonwings, the story of a Chinese immigrant who dreams of building and flying his own airplane. The show, written by Laurence Yep and directed by Phyllis S.K. Look, played local schools last fall and will tour schools on the East Coast and in Seattle.

Ronnie Gilbert, famed as a singer with the Weavers, will perform next May in the second Parallel Season show, Mother Jones' writings and speeches to create a musical portrait of the figure once known as "the most dangerous woman in America."

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1523.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE No. 92-1706
The following person is doing business as A Woman's Place, 3286
Isola Way, Lafayette, CA 94549.
Mary Negley, 3286 Isola Way,
Lafayette, CA 94549.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County
Clerk of Contra Costa County on
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 92-1916
fe following person is doing busiess as Florist Plus Express, 1684
ocust St., #305, Walnut Creek, CA

dividual.
Statement was filed with County lerk of Contra Costa County on arch 25, 1992.
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following person is doing busias W.E. Mc Allister & Associ4406 Black Walnut Ct. ConCA 94521.
Bibert E. McAllister Sr. 4406
k Walnut Ct. Concord, CA
21.

Association and Walnut Creek, CA 4595.

Sara T. Cooper, 136 Kendall Rd. Valnut Creek, CA 94595.

Tim Fleming, 3242 Marlene Dr. aflayette, CA 94549.

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NAME STATEMENT
File No. 92-2134
The following persons are doing business as Robinson Montgomery
Associates, 3300 Newport Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.
John William Montgomery, 3300
Newport Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

94598.
Steven R. Robinson, 201 Mont Blanc Ct. Darville, CA 94526.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 3, 1992.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 92-2066
The following person is doing business as Finesse Foods & Events,

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San Mateo, Apt. B, El Cerrito,

CA 94530.
Judy Phillips, 3020 San Mateo,
Apt. B, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by an
Individual.
Statement was filed with County
Clerk of Contra Costa County on
April 1, 1992.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT ABANDOMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDOMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FIRE No. 92-1554 The following person is doing business as American Benefit Concepts, 1330 North Broadway, Suite SUINESS NAME File No. 91-005304 English Name File Communications. This business is conducted by an end of the file No. 91-005304 English Name File Communications. Statement was filed with County Statement wa

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 92-2034
The following person is doing business as Montgomery Associates,
3300 Newport Court, Walnut
Creek, CA 94599.
John William Montgomery, 3300
Newport Court, Walnut Creek, CA
94598.

Individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 92-2320
The following person is doing business as Behroon Co. 1317 Black
Oak Ct. Pinole, CA 94564.
330 1915 St. Suite 105, Oakland,
CA 94612.
Majid Baradar, 1317 Black Oak
Ct. Pinole, CA 94564.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 92-1909
The following person is doing business as Diane's Hair Salon, 10257
San Pablo Ave., Richmond, CA
94804,
Kheo

This business is conducted by air dividual.
Statement was filed with County clerk of Contra Costa County on Aarch 25, 1992.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FIEN 0.92-1876
The following person is doing business as Equal Access USA, 3675
Mount Dablo Blvd, Lafeyette, CA
94593.

1549. Maurice A. Levich, 38 Diablo rcle, Lafayette, CA 94549. This business is conducted by an

Inis business is conducted by an dividual.
Statement was filed with County lerk of Contra Costa County on larch 24, 1992.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 92-2036

The following person is doing business as Organizing Unlimited, 900 North Rancho Plead, El Sobrante, Ca 94803.

Karen Christine Larsen, 900 North Rancho Plead, El Sobrante, CA 94803.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 31, 1992.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 92-2286
The following person is doing business as Stone's Hardwood Floor Co., 4020 Lambert Eurest H. Schmatte, CA-94803.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 9, 1992.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS FLORENTS File No. 92-2383
The following persons are doing business as Vessel Management, 4119 MacDonald Ave., Richmond, CA 94805.
Dochole Burnett, 125 Shoreline Ct, Richmond, CA 94804.
Preston Maxwell, 21846 Main Street, Hayward, CA 94545.
This business is conducted by a General Partnerhabip.
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Jack D. Olson, 3715 Northridge
, Concord, CA 94518.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 92-1845
following persons are doing
ness as T.& M. Services, 7128
and St., El Cerrito, CA

94530-2030. Mr. Tracy C. Baublitz, 7128 Mound St., El Cerrito, CA 530-2030. Mary M. Baublitz (spouse), 7128 bund St., El Cerrito, CA

ound St., El Cerrito, CA 4530-2030. This business is conducted by dividuals - Husband and Wrife. Statement was filed with County lerk of Contra Costa County on larch 23, 1992. Publish The Journal April 23, 30, lay 7 1992.

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oland T. Wheeler III, 1555 Ri-Ave. #409, Walnut Creek, CA

ncy Wheeler, 1555 Riviera #409, Walnut Creek, CA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 92-2225

The following person is doing business as Pain See Gong Households and Pain See Gong Household Eleganter, CA 94803.

Nancy E Bright, 5835 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803.

This business is conducted by an Individual Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 8, 1992.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 92-1989
The following person is doing business as Chappell Guitars, 2619
Columbia Ave. Richmond, CA
94804.

94804. Sean Chappell, 2619 Columbia Ave. Richmond, CA 94804. This business is conducted by an Individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 27, 1992. Publish The Journal April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 1992.

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the firm.

Thomas Towey, who received his bachelor of arts in architecture from the University of Washington and his master's in architecture from the University of California at Berkeley, has worked on

projects from small room additions to historic commercial and residential building remodels. He has served as project architect on two condominium towers, Museum Parc in San Francisco and The Mark in Sunnyvale.

Mr. Towey's professional emphasis is on following the design concept through detailing and construction administration. He feels that keeping the architect involved, from the beginning of programming through the entire construction process, best guarantees a final structure which closely follows the clients' requirements, both stated and unstated.

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Ms. Komorous-Towey has worked for firms in Seattle, Minneapolis, San Francisco and Berkeley. She received her bachelor of arts in architecture, magna cum laude, from the University of Washington in Seattle and her master's in architecture with honors from the University of Minnesota.

She was the principal designer of the Museum Parc facade and lobbies, as well as numerous large residential projects. Ms. Komorous-Towey's special area of interest is architectural history and theory. As a principal of her own firm, she has continued to empha-

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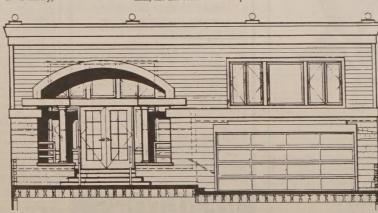
both function and aesthetics in all the firm's projects.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
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The following person is doing business as PCMASPEC, 202 Del Valle
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Gir, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 92-2270
The following person is doing business as Tante Lia, 950 Dewing,
200, Lafayetto, Ca 94549,
Lee Ellen Sawtell, 950 Dewing,
200, Lafayetto, CA 94549,
This business is conducted by an faciliciting.

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